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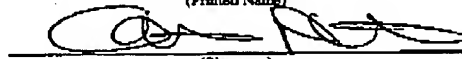
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This communication is responsive to a teleconference with the Examiner on January 25, 2007, during which the Examiner noted that the elected surface stabilizer species was not recited in claim 8.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.

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